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## Help the Girls' Boarding Home

If the officials of every corporation in El Paso would do as much for the Y. W. C. A. as the El Paso & Southwestern, it would be but a few days until the boarding home for girls would be a realization.

A thousand dollars is the subscription of the stockholders of this concern. It is for a worthy cause, a very worthy one, and El Pasoans should contribute all that they are able towards helping these women to build a home for the girls who need it.

Many girls in the city are without the ordinary comforts of life; many others are unable to get the proper surroundings and influence in their boarding places; this can all be remedied when the boarding home is erected. There, they will have proper surroundings and at a cost so moderate that even the poorest working girl can get the benefit of the institution.

It is a project worth assisting; it is a project that is vitally necessary for the city; the money invested will bring back the interest a thousand fold in making better women, better wives, better mothers, for the future generations in El Paso. Posterity will be benefited and it will be extending a worthy charity at the present time.

Young Henry Clews, if his father hadn't left him plenty of money, might have made a good detective. The name is all right for that work.

She doesn't look like a woman that a man would steal a fortune for, does Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford?

And old Cochise stays wet, but the fact that an Arizona community piled up such a large dry vote is "a sign of the times." Fifteen years ago, what vote would the drys have polled in Arizona?

Hearst ran John Temple Graves for vice president for the advertising it gave the young southerner and then put the young man in Washington to writing "dope" for the Hearst papers. Which shows that William Randolph is not a bad business man after all.

## Completing the Dam

"We expect to resume work on the Elephant Butte dam as soon as the condemnation proceedings for the right of way now in progress are completed. I understand secretary Ballinger is favorable to the project. The rest of us are and the only thing that could delay it is the lack of funds and my impression is that funds will be supplied for the work as rapidly as needed. We expect to go ahead with the work without further delay as soon as the condemnation proceedings are completed."

Again El Paso has assurance that the work on the Elephant Butte dam is to be carried forward without delay. The above quotation is from Arthur P. Davis, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service, to The Herald yesterday afternoon.

There has never been any intention of delaying work on the project any more than was necessary; the reclamation officials have stated all the time that work was to be resumed just as soon as the land could be condemned, but it sounds good, nevertheless, to have the statement reiterated and repeated.

The news sounds good to El Pasoans and valley farmers every time they hear it, no matter how often.

The skeleton wasn't in Neff's closet—it was only in the wood yard.

El Paso would be willing to go every day—and to the matinees, too—if all the shows were as good as "The Lion and the Mouse."

Where is that million dollar hotel the racetrack promoters were going to build in Juarez? Haven't seen the foundation laid yet.

It's high living and not high food that is at the bottom of it, says secretary Wilson. It might not be such high living if food was not so high as to make it so. Did the secretary think of that?

## Chamber Of Commerce Luncheons

Those chamber of commerce get together luncheons are going to do a lot of good in bringing the business men of the city into closer touch with each other.

It is a happy scheme and every business man in El Paso who can, should make it a point to attend the luncheons every Thursday; get better acquainted with the other business men and the affairs of the city in general and imbibe some of the other fellow's and impart some of his own enthusiasm.

The chamber of commerce is an organization formed to build up El Paso as a whole, and the more interest the members take, the better work it can do; its officers and directors will feel the encouragement.

Every business man has to eat lunch on a Thursday; why not set aside that day to eat with the other business men of the town? Send your name in to the secretary for a ticket book and—then attend the luncheons.

And we are going to have an automobile fire engine. Some class to that, eh?

Well, canberries ought to be cheaper anyhow, even if the meat isn't, for the merchant is going to save 28 cents a hundred on his freight.

Enforce the anti-spitting ordinance. It is not only filthy, but dangerous.

If the vegetable growers raise their prices now, what will we do, with the boycott on the meat?

While chief Ponce is dreaming, he might cast his thoughts over in the direction of the racetrack and find something worth looking into—maybe he would.

A new school house is reported every day in some of the neighborhood news from round about El Paso. The education of the rising generation is not being neglected in this part of the country.

Why shouldn't there be enthusiasm over the new girls' school? Isn't it something El Paso has needed for a long time? And like the military institute, it will not only afford a means of education for El Paso girls, but it will draw pupils here from other sections.

The mayor should receive hearty encouragement in his determination to arrest property owners who refuse to lay sidewalks, especially the people who have the money to do it. A man who has the money and refuses to put down a sidewalk when his neighbors all around him have done it, is the sort of a man who needs the prod of the law. To say the least, he is not a good citizen.

## UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

THE daughter of the horse leech is chasing up and down, in winter and in summer she still infests the town; you find her on her errand wherever you may live; and always she is singing: "O, give, and give, and give! We want to get the heathen to buy new parasols, to give the Chinese babies nice gutta serena dolls; the people up in Lapland eat blubber from a sieve; we want to buy them oysters, so give, and give, and give!"

The daughter of the horse leech has always some new scheme: "We plan to have a spinner of egg plant and ice cream; we'll charge ten cents admittance, to buy them pie and cake; but we are needing money—and that's no winter dream—so blow a pair of sawbucks, to buy the eggs and cream." The daughter of the horse leech, she has a winning smile; she works you for your bundle, but does the trick in style; and when you reach your cottage, and find your wife in tears, because the grocer's raging, the meat bill in arrears, because the gown she's wanted since she was young and fair, is still a thing of moonshine and dreams and heated air, your feeble explanation won't soothe her weary soul: "The daughter of the horse leech, she shook me for my rattle!"

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## SIDELIGHTS Along Washington Byways.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Has representative Mann, of Illinois, lost his sense of humor?

Mr. Mann represents the Hyde Park district in Chicago. Folks who know the district declare that there is not enough space around many of the houses to permit the growth of a cucumber. There is some wonderment, therefore, as to what Mr. Mann means by a letter which he is sending to every voter in his district. The letter says:



"Chicago used to be called the 'Garden City.' It would add much to the beauty of the city and to the pleasure and comfort of its citizens if our city (notice the political 'our') could now be called 'The Garden City.' I believe in gardens, both flower and vegetable, in the city."

Mr. Mann then announces that he will help beautify "Our District" by filling it up with many new varieties of seeds.



"Leave it to Jim Mann to make good with the voters' back home," said another statesman from a spot not far from "Our District." "There isn't a garden within a mile of his district, but take it from me, Mann will have the housewives building boxes on their windows to hold the beautiful foliage he writes about. Personally, I would not take a chance. Having had some experience with secretary Wilson's seeds I am full of the effect on voters sure being on the majority side of the house, Mann may be able to get some real seeds. At

with the "copy." Then it became apparent that a fine large book was to be the result.

This book, which will be out in a few days, will give an idea of the immensity of the subject which is to be investigated. To master the contents of this volume will require a trained public land lawyer, with a force of assistants, working hard for weeks. People who have begun to discover the scope of the inquiry are appalled at the prospects. Nobody would be surprised if it should take two years to complete it.

## 14 Years Ago Today

(From The Herald of this date, 1896)

TRIBUNE EDITOR IS HORSEWHIPPED BY ANGRY WOMAN

This afternoon at 3:30, Mrs. George Darrow, who conducts a shooting gallery on South El Paso street, went to the office of the Tribune, sent a little girl to call on Mr. Fitch, the editor, and when he came out, horsewhipped him. She was angered by an article published in the paper, which she claimed reflected upon her character.

El Paso crackerjacks are in training for the big bicycle meet, which will be held on the local track Feb. 12.

Charles B. Peck, state superintendent of car service and national committee-man of the Republican league, is in town on business.

Coulburn and Small, superintendent and assistant superintendent of bridges on the S. P., are in the city today inspecting the new steel bridge.

County assessor W. H. Winn has returned from a trip to Kentucky.

## LETTERS TO THE HERALD

RAFFLES AGAINST THE LAW.  
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 26, 1910.

Editor El Paso Herald:  
Appropos of gambling, is it a violation of any state—Texas—gambling law, to conduct a raffle for anything of value, as for instance, a horse, automobile, etc. By answering through the columns of The Herald you may enlighten others besides my humble self, who do not wish to knowingly violate any law.

In case raffles are prohibited would participants or chance buyers also be liable with the party or parties conducting a raffle?

Please oblige.

Ignoramus.  
The statutes of Texas prohibit raffles and make it a felony to conduct one. It would remain for the court or jury to decide if the person buying chances was guilty of a violation of the law. In gambling, all participants, whether operating the game or "bucking" it, are held equally guilty before the law.

Some lawyers express the opinion that a person buying chances in a lottery would not be held guilty of violating the law; others think they would be.

THE WATER QUESTION.  
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 28, 1910.

Editor El Paso Herald:  
Quite a good deal has already been said and written about the water question, especially the 90 cent minimum feature of it. The receiver wants to enforce it, not because it is just, but because he needs the money to operate the plant. The court allowed its collection, not because it is just, but because it is lawful. I am sure that the court will rescind its decision when it finds that it is unjust.

The question arises how can it be lawful when it is not just? Is not the

## HOW THE PARTIES FIGHT.

A "MUD SLINGING" CAMPAIGN  
IX—The English Elections

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 28.—Whenever politics in America shows symptoms of being rude, whenever some Republican calls some Democratic a demagogue and the Democrat retorts by calling the Republican a liar; then someone is sure to rise up and say that only in the United States is such undignified procedure possible. Therefore, when a visiting American finds that the British politicians use more billingsgate in a week than the Americans use in a lifetime of politics, his efforts to deplore the situation are somewhat tinged by a congratulatory feeling for the boys at home.

"Liar" Used Freely.  
The word "lie" and "liar" have been so freely used in this British parliamentary campaign that one wonders what has become of the boasted British dignity. Mr. Balfour has been kind enough to gather the entire Liberal propaganda within one bracket and apply the short and ugly word to the whole business.

Mr. Asquith and Lloyd-George have similarly used the word of three letters in reference to the lords' defence and the tariff reformers' promises. Lloyd-George, in addition to this, has been at some pains to specify some particular lies and liars using the plainest possible English in so doing.

Alexander Ure, lord advocate of Scotland, and an officer in the government, early in the action, made a speech in which he intimated that the Conservatives, if given a majority in the commons, would stop the old age pensions granted by the late Liberal parliament. Mr. Balfour retorted with the pleasant statement that Mr. Ure was telling a cold and calculated lie. The Conservative newspapers and campaign literature kept up the Ure business until the very close of the campaign. Posters quoted Mr. Ure and then added, in letters ten inches high, "It's a lie." At the same time the Conservatives, who opposed old age pensions in parliament, flooded the country with posters reading "Vote for unionism and old age pensions." To which the Liberals retorted with the lie direct.

Strongly Denounced.  
Lloyd-George in his famous Limehouse speech, delivered two months before the campaign opened, undertook an exhaustive defence of his scheme for the taxation of unearned increment in land values. He used for illustration two pieces of property in Cardiff. In the heart of that prosperous city stands a fine old castle with 600,000 square yards of land, worth a fabulous sum if it were placed on the market. Its occupant, the marquis of Bute, pays rates on an annual rental of \$4605. Next door, said Lloyd-George, was a tailor shop with only 800 square yards of land, worth a paltry sum if it were placed on the market. Its occupant, the marquis of Bute, pays rates on an annual rental of \$435.

The Welsh Liberal leader was immediately denounced by the Conservative press as a "liar," as a "purveyor of falsehoods," as a "mendacious mischief maker," as a "purveyor of truth, law and order," and as a "deceiver of the public," because, as the newspapers stated, the tailor shop was not next door to the castle, but was in the next street, a half-block away.

Lloyd-George's Reply.  
Lloyd-George replied that he knew that no building could be literally next door to the castle when it was surrounded by a park, but that he used the term to indicate that the tailor shop was in the immediate neighborhood.

"When I say a man is next door to a fool," said the chancellor of the exchequer, "I don't mean he lives next to one, but that he is somewhere in the neighborhood of being so."

All through the campaign, until the very last, the denunciations of Lloyd-George's "lie" were repeated, and constant reference was made to the little tailor shop and Cardiff castle, to prove that no credence should be given to anything Lloyd-George might have to say.

Licensing Bill.  
One of the many side issues in this campaign was the licensing bill, by which the Liberal government had raised the license tax on the sale of intoxicating liquors, and had provided that in the future such licenses might be renewed annually. For years they had been regarded as a vested right.

In discussing the attitude of the government to the liquor trade, and the raising of license fees to a scale about one-fifth of that obtaining in New York, one of the leading London newspapers of the Conservative type used this language in one editorial:

"Utter iniquity. Sheer brigandage. Fanatical legislation. Socialistic confiscation. A gigantic act of public theft. A raiding expedition of partisan blackmailers. The sum of hypocrisy was calling everything else a lie."

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## DOTTIE DIALOGUES

We Talk Through Our Hat Episode.  
By Walter A. Sinclair.

"EXCEPT for talking through a hat is of little use," asserted Dottie. "Don't you think so?"

"I have admired the Duncan family, which goes wandering around without any sky pieces," I admitted vaguely.

"I presume if Mr. Duncan was not roofed as cately as his pictures show him he would be forced to patronize a hatter," he mused.

"It probably makes the hatters mad as sisters to contemplate him," I agreed.

"Just suppose he became bald, do you suppose he would dare parade around bareheaded in the nipping winter blast here is associated with hats?"

"Even Lady Godiva would not dare," I cooed.

"We are confining the subject to hats," she remarked coldly.

"That is easier than confining the hats to the subject sometimes," I remarked, beginning to get the drift of the conversation.

"So it would appear," she observed. "I naturally did not know that the men of my acquaintance had taken up the fad—at least in January."

"Ah, then you saw me!" I exclaimed, in understanding. "You saw the flight of the vandals, the mad rush of—of—what herd is associated with hats?"

"William Tell," she suggested, accent on the last word.



"The very boy! Bill bowling to the hat, or at least trying to scrape a bowing acquaintance and incidentally scraping the shins of several men acquaintances and a few total strangers."

"You looked funny," she giggled. "Tell me about it."

"It's a sad rendition and really needs some sobby fiddle stuff—'Hearts and Flowers'—that lump in the throat music that they play when the heroine tells the 'YOU GOT ME DEAD'."

"Mark that she is 'gawn awah,' and he must weevil, nev-ah see her again," said I.

"Proceed; your story strangely interests me," she pleaded.

"Well, you see, it was this way. I recited. 'I was bid into an opera party that night and had to borrow Knowles' self cooking hat. I didn't tell him about it, because he had loaned it to Kendall and Kendall let me have it on promise that I wouldn't tell Knowles.'

"That is the plot," she questioned, arching her eyebrows.

"That is the bridge and the plot," I asserted. "You can figure the rest out for yourself. I was breezing blithely up the street at the Big Cross roads when one of the best little amateur sephyras from Medicine Hat oozed around the nearest skyscraper and nipped my hat."

"You mean Knowles' hat," she corrected.

"You call it right," I said. "But by any name it was a lid regardless of the police, and the next thing I knew it was giving an imitation of the Wright brothers, just scraping the snowbanks, or rather the mud on the tops of the snowbanks."

"Just that I heard a raucous laugh and turned, to see Knowles' side view in the crowd, giving me the merry. Seeing he was so genial about it, I thought the psychological moment was at hand to break it to him, so I laughed, too. He said, 'You take it easy,' and I replied, 'I didn't take it at all; Kendall loaned it to me.' Whereupon he slipped on a peel of laughter and took a tumble."

"What did you do with his hat?" she asked frigidly.

"Why, what could I do, then?" I demanded. "I returned it to him, of course!"

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THOSE SANTA FE TRAINS.  
From Santa Fe (N. M.) News.

As far as New Mexico is concerned, the Santa Fe system made a mistake when it converted El Paso train No. 10, into a California train. Not once since it runs out of Los Angeles has the train been on time and when it is five and more hours late, the inconvenience to local travel is great.

ran out of El Paso, the train could always be banked upon as being on time, and travel along the Santa Fe in New Mexico was a good deal less of hardship than it is today, when it is not a single train that can be relied upon to be on time, because starting from such distant points as Chicago and Los Angeles every train is subject to all the vicissitudes that cause trains to swerve from the printed schedule. If the Santa Fe system wants to please New Mexico it will make No. 10 an El Paso train again instead of starting it from Los Angeles.

INDIAN DEPREDAATION BILL.  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Congressman Garner, of Texas, today appeared before the Indian affairs committee in favor of representative Stephens' Indian depredation bill. The measure gives further protection to Indians, especially extending rights of recovery in courts to Indians as well as citizens. All the Texas delegation will support the bill.

CARRIERS DAY.  
Tomorrow being the last Saturday of the month, The Herald carries a special train for the month of January. Subscribers will kindly note the above and be ready for the boys.

I will better mind my own business, and in doing so I would like to call the city council's attention to the depreciation in value of the South El Paso street property, where I buried the few dollars I saved up and as an inheritance I am losing about \$50 per month in the difference between the income and the expense.

I hope the city council will do what is right in this matter and reduce the valuation accordingly.

A. Stolaroff.

With The Exchanges

BUNNY TO THE RESCUE.  
From Tempe (Ariz.) News.

It must be admitted that the packers can't afford to price their pork and beef, but they have not yet succeeded in cornering the visible supply of rabbit meat. Bunny may yet be called upon to come to the rescue.

TEXAS LEADS AGAIN.  
From Beaumont (Tex.) Enterprise.

Texas led in the amount of bonds voted for good roads last year, but Texas is a big state and has many miles of road to build so that the people need not rest upon the laurels of past accomplishment.

WHY DISCRIMINATE.  
From Farmington (N. M.) Times-Herald.

President Taft complains that the postoffice department does not pay its own expenses and proposes to raise the rates on newspapers and magazines. But why this discrimination in departments? Does the war department pay? Does the navy department pay? Certainly the dissemination of useful knowledge is as worthy as the training of men to be proficient in killing other men.

4 percent up to \$1000.00, and so on, a lower percentage on a larger valuation. Would the courts uphold that rate?

By the way, I think it would be more proper if the city would pay for the water it is using at the same rate as every other consumer and make the taxpayers foot the bill and then the poor man would pay only his prorate of it and the large property owner the larger share of it.

Well, there are lots of other suggestions which I would like to make, but